

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kiyohito ISHIDA et al.

Appl. No: 10/560,072

Confirmation No: 9656

Filed: December 9, 2005

For: CONTINUOUS VACUUM  
CARBURIZING PROCESS AND  
APPARATUS FOR METAL WIRE,  
METAL STRIP OR METAL PIPE

Art Unit: 1793

Examiner: Weiping Zhu

Atty. Docket No: 31238-225900

Customer No:

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2008, please amend the  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.